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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
8 AT SEATTLE

9 YING C. LIN,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE
INSURANCE CO.,

13 Defendant.

CASE NO. C21-0476-RSM

ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S
MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE
AMENDED COMPLAINT

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15 **I. INTRODUCTION**

16 This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff Ying C. Lin's Motion for Leave to File
17 Amended Complaint. Dkt. #9. Defendant State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. ("State
18 Farm") has not filed a response. For the reasons set forth below, Plaintiff's Motion is
19 GRANTED.

20 **II. BACKGROUND**

21 Plaintiff filed this action on March 1, 2021 in King County Superior Court for payment
22 related to her underinsured motor vehicle bodily injury insurance coverage benefits ("UIM")
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1 pursuant to a policy issued by State Farm. State Farm thereafter removed the action to this Court.
2 Dkt. #1. On April 15, 2021, State Farm filed an answer, including a counterclaim for recovery
3 of its PIP payments. Dkt. #7. On April 30, 2021, Plaintiff filed the instant motion seeking leave
4 to file an amended complaint, which is attached to her motion. *See* Dkt. #9 at 5-8. The Amended
5 Complaint seeks to add claims for damages for violations of the Washington Insurance Fair
6 Conduct Act, RCW 48.30, the Washington Consumer Protection Act, RCW 19.86, and damages
7 for insurance bad faith. *Id.*

8 **III. DISCUSSION**

9 Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(1), a party may amend its pleading once as a matter of
10 course within “21 days after service of a responsive pleading or 21 days after service of a motion
11 under Rule 12(b), (e), or (f), whichever is earlier.” Here, State Farm served its Answer on April
12 15, 2021. Dkt. #7. Given that Plaintiff moved for leave to amend on April 30, Plaintiff may
13 amend her pleading once as a matter of course pursuant to Rule 15(a)(1).

14 **IV. CONCLUSION**

15 Having reviewed the relevant briefing and the remainder of the record, the Court hereby
16 finds and ORDERS that Plaintiff’s Motion for Leave to File an Amended Complaint, Dkt. #9, is
17 GRANTED. Plaintiff is directed to file the Amended Complaint within 21 days from the date of
18 this Order.

19 DATED this 28th day of June, 2021.

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21 RICARDO S. MARTINEZ
22 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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